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10. Geographical Data

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Verbal Boundary Description

Chesterfield Heights Historic District is located along the Eastern Branch of the Elizabeth River in the City of Norfolk, Virginia. The river distinctly forms the southern boundary of the neighborhood, with Chesterfield Boulevard running along the waterfront, providing vistas of the water. The eastern boundary is Ballentine Boulevard, excluding those resources on the eastern side of the street after Victoria Avenue. The Ohio Creek marks the western edge, while Interstate 264 marks the northern boundary. The district consists of eighty-five acres of the approximately 130 acres of the original subdivision, including the late 19th century residential enclave of Riverside.

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the Chesterfield Heights Historic District generally follow the outline established by the subdivision plat submitted to the Norfolk County Land Records Office in 1904, combined with the original boundaries of the late-19th-century community of Riverside. The boundaries generally follow the established roads and waterways. The boundaries of the historic district exclude the buildings constructed south of Victoria Avenue and east of Ballentine Boulevard, as the previously undeveloped area was developed in 1952 as the Grandy Park Public Housing Development. Furthermore, the school, located to the east of Ballentine Boulevard, is an imposing, yet isolated, non-historic structure and was excluded. The non-historic watertower property located along the west side of Ballentine Boulevard was also excluded. Furthermore, the original plat was reduced in size to the north with the construction of the Virginia Beach Expressway (Interstate 264). This project razed a number of buildings, including the lumber company along Westminster Avenue. A portion of this land has been infilled with non-historic residential development that is not consistent in form, date of construction, style, and type to the contributing resources of Chesterfield Heights. The remaining non-historic buildings located along the

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boundary edges were included in the district, though non-contributing, as they contribute to the residential development of the neighborhood.